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April 16, 2002

Mr. Vernon A. Williams, Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 387X); The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) Abandonment between St. Joseph and Collegeville in Stearns County, Minnesota

Dear Secretary Williams:

On April 19, 2000, BNSF filed a Notice of Exemption seeking authority to abandon or discontinue service of 4.89 miles of railroad line between railroad milepost 81.11, near St. Joseph, and railroad milepost 86.00, near Collegeville, which traverses through United States Postal ZIP Codes 56321, 56374, and 56375 in Stearns County, Minnesota.

The abandonment of this railroad line was to be consummated on May 12, 2001 as required by the Board's order of May 12, 2000 in the referenced docket. However, due to a pending historical condition imposed the consummation was postponed until not later than 60 days after the satisfaction, expiration or removal of the legal regulatory barrier pursuant to 49 CFR 1152.29(e)(2).

By decision served April 5, 2002, the Board has removed the Section 106 historic preservation condition imposed in the decision served June 12, 2000. The June 12 decision also imposed a National Geodetic Survey (NGS) condition that required BNSF to consult with the NGS and provide NGS with at least 90 days notice prior to disturbing or destroying any geodetic station markers. By letter dated April 24, 2000, BNSF notified NGS of the proposed abandonment (see attached). Accordingly, NGS replied that they had received notice (see attached). Therefore, BNSF submits this letter to advise you that abandonment of the subject line has been consummated.

Sincerely,

Sarah Whitley Bailiff

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Attachments

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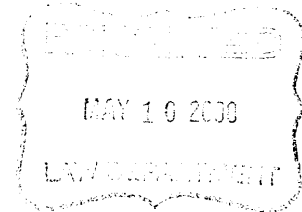
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
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National Geodetic Survey
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3282

May 5, 2000



MEMORANDUM FOR: Dixon Hoyle
Minnesota State Geodetic Advisor

FROM: Edward J. McKay *Edward J. McKay*
Chief, Spatial Reference System Division

SUBJECT: Endangered Control Marks in Minnesota

On April 10, 2000, I sent a copy of a letter to you concerning the proposed abandonment by the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Co. (BNSF), for 4.89 miles of rail line between milepost 81.11, near St. Joseph, and milepost 86.00 near Collegeville, in Stearns County, Minnesota, STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 387X). The April 10th letter specified the three geodetic markers, 7380 S, F, and G, endangered by the abandonment.

In a letter dated April 24, 2000, (copy attached), BNSF has provided 90-day prior notice that they will soon begin track removal and salvage activities for the rail line cited above. Please pass this information along to the appropriate state Transportation personnel and request that they perform recovery and flagging of the three marks (if they can be recovered) prior to the end of July 2000 so the marks will be more likely to survive the track removal.

If there are further questions or additional information is needed, please contact me at anytime. Thanks for your help.

Attachment

cc: ~~S. Canfield - BNSF~~
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April 24, 2000

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**Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 387X); The
Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company Abandonment
between St. Joseph and Collegeville in Stearns County, Minnesota**

Dear Mr. McKay:

This responds to your letter of April 10, 2000 concerning the referenced abandonment. Upon receipt of effective authority from the Surface Transportation Board, BNSF plans to arrange for the salvage and disposition of the right-of-way and materials thereon. Accordingly, the three geodetic markers identified (attached) as being affected by the proposed abandonment should be relocated within the next 90 days.

Sincerely,

Sarah Whitley Bailiff
Sarah Whitley Bailiff

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cc: R. A. Batie (w/attachments)

Attachments

The NGS Data Sheet

DATABASE = Sybase , PROGRAM = datasheet, VERSION = 6.16

Starting Datasheet Retrieval...

1 National Geodetic Survey, Retrieval Date = MAY 5, 2000

QP0171 *****

QP0171 DESIGNATION - 7380 S

QP0171 PID - QP0171

QP0171 STATE/COUNTY- MN/STEARNS

QP0171 USGS QUAD - ST JOSEPH (1980)

QP0171

QP0171 *CURRENT SURVEY CONTROL

QP0171 NAD 83(1986)- 45 34 00. (N) 094 17 48. (W) SCALED

QP0171 NAVD 88 - 330.807 (meters) 1085.32 (feet) ADJUSTED

QP0171

QP0171 GEOID HEIGHT- -26.85 (meters) GEOID99

QP0171 DYNAMIC HT - 330.800 (meters) 1085.30 (feet) COMP

QP0171 MODELED GRAV- 980,583.3 (mgal) NAVD 88

QP0171

QP0171 VERT ORDER - SECOND CLASS 0

QP0171

QP0171.The horizontal coordinates were scaled from a topographic map and have

QP0171.an estimated accuracy of +/- 6 seconds.

QP0171

QP0171.The orthometric height was determined by differential leveling

QP0171.and adjusted by the National Geodetic Survey in June 1991.

QP0171

QP0171.The geoid height was determined by GEOID99.

QP0171

QP0171.The dynamic height is computed by dividing the NAVD 88

QP0171.geopotential number by the normal gravity value computed on the

QP0171.Geodetic Reference System of 1980 (GRS 80) ellipsoid at 45

QP0171.degrees latitude (G = 980.6199 gals.).

QP0171

QP0171.The modeled gravity was interpolated from observed gravity values.

QP0171

QP0171; North East Units Estimated Accuracy

QP0171;SPC MN C - 162,990. 796,360. MT (+/- 180 meters Scaled)

QP0171

QP0171 SUPERSEDED SURVEY CONTROL

QP0171

QP0171 NGVD 29 - 330.678 (m) 1084.90 (f) ADJ UNCH 2 0

QP0171

QP0171.Superseded values are not recommended for survey control.

QP0171.NGS no longer adjusts projects to the NAD 27 or NGVD 29 datums.

QP0171.See file dsdata.txt to determine how the superseded data were derived.

QP0171

QP0171 MARKER: DD = SURVEY DISK

QP0171_SETTING: 7 = SET IN TOP OF CONCRETE MONUMENT

QP0171_STAMPING: 7380-S 1962

QP0171_STABILITY: C = MAY HOLD, BUT OF TYPE COMMONLY SUBJECT TO

QP0171+STABILITY: SURFACE MOTION

QP0171

QP0171 HISTORY - Date Condition Recov. By

QP0171 HISTORY - 1962 MONUMENTED MNDT

QP0171 HISTORY - 1968 GOOD MNDT

QP0171

QP0171 STATION DESCRIPTION

QP0171

QP0171'DESCRIBED BY MN DEPT OF TRANSP 1968

QP0171'1 MI E FROM ST JOSEPH.

QP0171'MARK IS LOCATED IN THE NW 1/4, SECTION 11, T124N, R29W, ABOUT 1 MILES

QP0171'EAST OF ST. JOSEPH ALONG T.H. 52. MARK IS A STANDARD MINNESOTA

QP0171 'HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT DISK, STAMPED 7380-S 1962, SET IN A PRECAST
QP0171 'CONCRETE MONUMENT. MARK IS 4 1/2 RAILS EAST OF MILE POST (81), 50
QP0171 'FEET SOUTH OF THE SOUTH RAIL, 38 FEET SOUTHEAST OF A TELEGRAPH POLE, 1
QP0171 'FOOT WEST OF A STEEL WITNESS POST, 172 FEET NORTH OF THE EAST BOUND
QP0171 'T.H. 52 CENTERLINE. (STATION 1901+47), AND PROJECTS 2 INCHES ABOVE
QP0171 'GROUND.

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The NGS Data Sheet

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 1 National Geodetic Survey, Retrieval Date = MAY 5, 2000
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 QP0006 PID - QP0006
 QP0006 STATE/COUNTY- MN/STEARNS
 QP0006 USGS QUAD - ST JOSEPH (1980)
 QP0006
 QP0006 *CURRENT SURVEY CONTROL
 QP0006

QP0006*	NAD 83(1986)-	45 35 39.	(N)	094 21 47.	(W)	SCALED
QP0006*	NAVD 88	-	333.998	(meters)	1095.79	(feet) POSTED

 QP0006

QP0006	GEOID HEIGHT-	-26.74	(meters)			GEOID99
QP0006	DYNAMIC HT -	333.990	(meters)	1095.77	(feet)	COMP
QP0006	MODELED GRAV-	980,585.4	(mgal)			NAVD 88

 QP0006
 QP0006 VERT ORDER - * POSTED, Code B , SEE BELOW
 QP0006
 QP0006.The horizontal coordinates were scaled from a topographic map and have
 QP0006.an estimated accuracy of +/- 6 seconds.
 QP0006
 QP0006.The orthometric height was determined by differential leveling
 QP0006.and adjusted by the National Geodetic Survey in 1992.
 QP0006.* This is a POSTED BENCH MARK height. Code B indicates a distribution
 QP0006.rate of 1.1 thru 2.0 mm/km.
 QP0006
 QP0006.The geoid height was determined by GEOID99.
 QP0006
 QP0006.The dynamic height is computed by dividing the NAVD 88
 QP0006.geopotential number by the normal gravity value computed on the
 QP0006.Geodetic Reference System of 1980 (GRS 80) ellipsoid at 45
 QP0006.degrees latitude (G = 980.6199 gals.).
 QP0006
 QP0006.The modeled gravity was interpolated from observed gravity values.
 QP0006

	North	East	Units	Estimated Accuracy
QP0006; SPC MN C -	166,050.	791,180.	MT	(+/- 180 meters Scaled)

 QP0006
 QP0006
 QP0006 SUPERSEDED SURVEY CONTROL
 QP0006

QP0006	NGVD 29	-	333.836	(m)	1095.26	(f) ADJ UNCH	1 2
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 QP0006
 QP0006.Superseded values are not recommended for survey control.
 QP0006.NGS no longer adjusts projects to the NAD 27 or NGVD 29 datums.
 QP0006.See file dsdata.txt to determine how the superseded data were derived.
 QP0006
 QP0006 MARKER: B = BOLT
 QP0006 SETTING: 0 = UNSPECIFIED SETTING
 QP0006 STABILITY: D = MARK OF QUESTIONABLE OR UNKNOWN STABILITY
 QP0006

	History	Date	Condition	Recov. By
QP0006	HISTORY	- UNK	MONUMENTED	CGS
QP0006	HISTORY	- 1967	MARK NOT FOUND	MNDT
QP0006	HISTORY	- 1976	MARK NOT FOUND	MNDT

 QP0006
 QP0006
 QP0006 STATION DESCRIPTION
 QP0006
 QP0006'DESCRIBED BY MN DEPT OF TRANSP 1967
 QP0006'IN COLLEGEVILLE.
 QP0006'AT COLLEGEVILLE, STEARNS COUNTY, ON THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY, IN THE

QP0006'SOUTHEAST GRANITE FOUNDATION WALL OF A FRAME BUILDING USED AS A
QP0006'RESIDENCE, POST OFFICE, AND TICKET OFFICE, ABOUT 33 YARDS SOUTHWEST OF
QP0006'THE TRACK, ABOUT 19 YARDS NORTHWEST OF THE ROAD TO ST. JOHNS
QP0006'UNIVERSITY, ABOUT 3 YARDS SOUTHWEST OF THE EAST CORNER OF THE
QP0006'BUILDING, AND ABOUT 1/2 YARD HIGHER THAN THE GROUND. A HORIZONTAL
QP0006'MARK ON THE END OF A 3/8-INCH COPPER BOLT. NOTE-- PROBABLY DESTROYED
QP0006'DUE TO HOUSE REPAIRS.

QP0006

STATION RECOVERY (1976)

QP0006

QP0006

QP0006'RECOVERY NOTE BY MN DEPT OF TRANSP 1976

QP0006'MARK NOT FOUND.

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QP0007 STATE/COUNTY- MN/STEARNS
QP0007 USGS QUAD - ST JOSEPH (1980)
QP0007
QP0007 *CURRENT SURVEY CONTROL
QP0007
QP0007* NAD 83(1986)- 45 35 37. (N) 094 21 44. (W) SCALED
QP0007* NAVD 88 - 333.729 (meters) 1094.91 (feet) POSTED
QP0007
QP0007 GEOID HEIGHT- -26.74 (meters) GEOID99
QP0007 DYNAMIC HT - 333.720 (meters) 1094.88 (feet) COMP
QP0007 MODELED GRAV- 980,585.4 (mgal) NAVD 88
QP0007
QP0007 VERT ORDER - * POSTED, Code NC , SEE BELOW
QP0007
QP0007.The horizontal coordinates were scaled from a topographic map and have
QP0007.an estimated accuracy of +/- 6 seconds.
QP0007
QP0007.The orthometric height was determined by differential leveling
QP0007.and adjusted by the National Geodetic Survey in 1992.
QP0007.No vertical observational check was made to the station.
QP0007.* This is a POSTED BENCH MARK height. Code NC indicates the bench mark
QP0007.was located on a no-check spur therefore a value was not computed.
QP0007
QP0007.The geoid height was determined by GEOID99.
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QP0007.The dynamic height is computed by dividing the NAVD 88
QP0007.geopotential number by the normal gravity value computed on the
QP0007.Geodetic Reference System of 1980 (GRS 80) ellipsoid at 45
QP0007.degrees latitude (G = 980.6199 gals.).
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QP0007.The modeled gravity was interpolated from observed gravity values.
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QP0007; North East Units Estimated Accuracy
QP0007;SPC MN C - 165,990. 791,240. MT (+/- 180 meters Scaled)
QP0007
QP0007 SUPERSEDED SURVEY CONTROL
QP0007
QP0007 NGVD 29 - 333.567 (m) 1094.38 (f) ADJ UNCH 1 2
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QP0007'IN COLLEGEVILLE.

QP0007'AT COLLEGEVILLE, STEARNS COUNTY, ON THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY, ABOUT
QP0007'250 FEET EAST OF A FRAME BUILDING USED AS A RESIDENCE, POST OFFICE,
QP0007'AND TICKET OFFICE, ABOUT 150 FEET SOUTHEAST OF A ROAD CROSSING, ABOUT
QP0007'66 FEET NORTHEAST OF THE NORTHEAST RAIL, 5 FEET SOUTHWEST OF A FENCE,
QP0007'AND IN LINE WITH A ROW OF POLES. A COPPER BOLT, SURROUNDED BY THE
QP0007'LETTERS U.S.B.M. IN THE TOP OF A GRANITE POST PROJECTING ABOUT 8
QP0007'INCHES ABOVE GROUND. NOTE-- MARK IS LOCATED NEAR THE W1/4, SECTION
QP0007'32, T125N, MARK IS TIPPED 10 DEG SOUTHEAST AND 2.0 FEET SOUTHEAST OF A
QP0007'WOODEN CABLE POST.

QP0007

QP0007

STATION RECOVERY (1976)

QP0007

QP0007'RECOVERY NOTE BY MN DEPT OF TRANSP 1976

QP0007'IT IS LOCATED ABOUT 0.5 MILE NORTHEAST ALONG A TOWNSHIP ROAD FROM ITS
QP0007'JUNCTION WITH TRUNK HIGHWAY 52, COUNTY ROAD 159 (SOUTHWEST TO ST.
QP0007'JOHNS UNIVERSITY). THENCE ABOUT 150 FEET SOUTHEAST ALONG THE
QP0007'BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD. IT IS 70.0 FEET NORTHEAST OF AND ABOUT
QP0007'2 FEET LOWER THAN THE NORTHEAST RAIL OF THE RAILROAD TRACKS, 165.6
QP0007'FEET EAST OF A RAILROAD CROSSING POST AT A PRIVATE DRIVE, 86.0 FEET
QP0007'SOUTHEAST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF A TWO-STORY FRAME HOUSE, AND 7.0
QP0007'FEET SOUTH OF A POWER LINE GUY POLE WITH A WITNESS SIGN. IT IS A
QP0007'COPPER BOLT IN THE TOP OF A 6 INCH BY 6 INCH GRANITE MONUMENT WHICH
QP0007'IS TIPPED TO THE SOUTHEAST ABOUT 10 DEGREES.

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